

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GARY RAY BETTENCOURT,
Petitioner,
v.
GORDON SPENCER,
Respondent.

No. 2:20-cv-02459 GGH P

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. In his application, petitioner challenges a 1993 conviction issued by the Merced County Superior Court. Merced County is part of the Fresno Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. See Local Rule 120(d).

Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil action which has not been commenced in the proper division of a court may, on the court's own motion, be transferred to the proper division of the court. Therefore, this action will be transferred to the Fresno Division of the court. This court

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1 will not rule on petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel or petitioner's request to proceed
2 in forma pauperis.

3 Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

4 1. This court has not ruled on petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No. 2)
5 or petitioner's request to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 4);

6 2. This action is transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of
7 California sitting in Fresno; and

8 3. All future filings shall reference the new Fresno case number assigned and shall be
9 filed at:

10 United States District Court
11 Eastern District of California
2500 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

12 Dated: December 29, 2020

13 /s/ Gregory G. Hollows
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE